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Data Collection
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Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any mechanism in place to monitor the data collection of surveyors of National Sample Survey Organisation (NSSO) and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the cost of this mechanism, if any; and

(c) whether the Government is considering to provide surveyours with handheld and geo-stamped devices to collect data and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION, MINISTER OF STATE FOR MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE FOR MINISTRY OF OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS [GENERAL (Dr.) V.K. SINGH (Retd.)]

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. There is an in-built mechanism of monitoring qualitative and quantitative aspects of the data collection activities of surveyors of NSSO. Field inspections, scrutiny of data, analysis of feedback from surveyors, Monthly meetings and Monthly Progress Reports (MPRs) are some of the measures adopted for monitoring data collection by surveyors. Since there is an inbuilt mechanism of monitoring, hence no additional/separate cost is involved.

(c): National Sample Survey Office (NSSO) has pilot tested a Computer Assisted Personal Interviewing (CAPI) solution, developed with the technical assistance from the World Bank, with a view to explore the possibility of collection of data by use of handheld device with geocode recording facility.
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